# DOs and DON'Ts When MOFA Rejects Your Documents—Real Case Study

Several professionals would consider relocating to UAE as a dream. This promise of improved fortunes, financial security, and exposure to a global working environment is very interesting. However, what most people do not know is that this dream can as well come to a halt at the certificate attestation stage like MOFA attestation.

I would like to lead you through an actual case study of a person whose career destination almost collapsed when his documents were rejected by MOFA in Dubai. His experience is a worthy source of lesson to any other preparing to submit paperwork to find employment in the UAE or even obtain a family visa or pursue higher education in the UAE.

**The unexpected Rejection**

A well-trained IT expert of Indian origin, had received a job offer in the UAE of Abu Dhabi. He, like most candidates, prepared all his documents such as degree certificate, mark sheets and marriage certificate to support his dependent visa application.

**Normal procedure is as follows:**

- Department of Home, India attestation.
- Ministry of external Affairs attestation.
- It has to be attested by the UAE Embassy in New Delhi.
- MOFA attestation, he applied for MOFA attestation at the UAE office and flew there.

He was then sure that all procedures were in place. It came as a surprise to him when the degree certificate was refused. This is because the passport stamp of UAE Embassy on his document was smeared over and partly unreadable. His work permit was pending, his entry permit was pending and his employer became anxious.

## What Rejection Does in the Real World

A denial on the part of MOFA means the denial has practical implications, such as

- Delays in work permit or visa issuance.
- Financial pressure, as the rent and the date to start working in the new job will be delayed.
- Employers can even take offers back in the worst scenarios where documentation takes too long.

## What to do With MOFA Rejection on Documents

### 1. Remain Calm and Seek Clarification

The initial thing is not to panic. The reason why it was rejected will usually be explained by MOFA officials who leave a rejection note. Listen, ask questions and get to know what is specifically wrong. In this instance, it was just lack of clarity of the embassy stamp.

### 2. Contact Your Embassy or Attestation Agency

Immediately contact the embassy or the attestation service provider in whose hands you took your case. There are numerous professional agencies in Dubai dealing with the correction of such problems fast. He sought advice of a reliable agency that ensured that he was informed on re-attestation.

### 3. Redo Missing or Faulty Attestations

When MOFA identifies a missing seal, an incomplete verification or unclear stamps, then the specified step will have to be repeated. The answer to him was to re-attest his **degree certificate with the UAE** Embassy in India.

### 4. Organize Copies and Originals

Keep the originals and several photocopies of your certificates. This assists in the case of re-submissions. His copies had been neat and it was not difficult to resubmit.

**5. Spending Money and Time on Corrections**

The cost of attestation of documents in MOFA, usually per-document, should also include the cost of having foreign-country embassy or MEA approved documents re-attested in your own country. Allow certain financial cushion and time to deal with unanticipated problems.

**DONTs When MOFA Rejects Your Documents**

**1. Do not Overlook the Rejection Cause**

Other applicants erroneously believe that they can get away with incomplete paperwork by pushing through. This is a waste of time only. Always respond on the definite issue demonstrated by MOFA

**2. Do Not Take Shortcuts or Fake Stamps**

There are candidates that get lured into fraudsters, who set up illegal businesses selling counterfeit embassy or MOFA stamps. This is risky, in case detected, this can lead to visa cancellation, black listing or even legal issues.

**3. Avoid Delaying Communication with Your Employer**

Be open with your Human Resource. Employers treasure honesty and it enables them to shift schedules. A person needs to notify his company at once and his company delays his joining date other than revoking the offer.

**4. Do not Take Incomplete Information**

Each case is unique There are documents, which should be translated into the Arabic, and there are ones, which do not need notary

certification but only state attestation. Do not take on one thing that has been doing well with someone you know as your conviction that it will work with you as well.

**5. Never Hand in Old or Ragged Documents**

With illegible or illegitimate seals or illegible ink, certificates are highly prone to get rejected. Remember your documents should be in good shape.

**How to Fix the Problem**

Degree certificate was returned to India and at the UAE Embassy, a new readable attestation was given. After correction of the certificate in Dubai, he filed this certificate to MOFA again.

The approving of the attestation this time took place in less than 48 hours. His employer immediately issued his work permit with the attestation of MOFA. In a few weeks, he landed up in his new employment in Abu Dhabi.

**If you have ever been turned down by MOFA, it is worth your time to read this list of important tips to consider.**

- Cross-examine the quality of attestation at each stage.
- Use services of professional attestation to avoid mistakes.
- Be open with your employer and keep trust.
- Apply quickly to address the denial, the faster your visa or employment permit and service expedites.

So, if you ever receive a MOFA rejection, keep in mind that it is just a procedural setback and not a personal failure. Through perseverance, your documents will get passed, your visa will become closer and your dream of going to UAE will come through without facing any challenges.